

a plurality of elastic tie-members that interconnect said supports, each tie-member from said plurality of tie-members interconnecting two of said supports, and, in an operative configuration, said plurality of tie-members are placed on a body surface of the patient in antagonistic pairs with due account of an anatomical arrangement of the patient's skeletal muscles; and

a plurality of adjusters interposed between the elastic tie-members and the respective supports, each adjuster from said plurality of adjusters including a band having a first end connected to the respective elastic tiemember and a second end held in a lock located on the respective support.

## REMARKS

The amendment to the specification is provided to better describe the structure of an embodiment of the present invention, as reflected in the drawings. No new matter has been added. The amendments to the claims are provided to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. A prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R.§1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4247 to discuss any aspect of this application.

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